

Amendments to the Specification

Page 3, please replace the paragraph spanning line 24 through page 4, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Other preparations containing an NSAID and a local anesthetic are also known, like the invention described in Kokai Publication No. Hei 14-128699. For example, WO ~~01/047599~~ 01/047559 describes a patch drug for external use containing a local anesthetic and an NSAID, from the point of view of letting it act on both the inflammatory portion and the peripheral nervous system, and indomethacin and the like are exemplified as specific examples of NSAID. However, there is no description regarding etodolac nor skin permeability and the like, although this publication discloses the result of a sensory evaluation test as an example.